



16TH NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY NETWORK CONFERENCE

NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH
Thursday 17th & Friday 18th November 2016



GOING WITH THE FLOW

SUPPORTING THE NBN DATA FLOW PATHWAY



THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Morning session: Recording & Collecting

Chairman of morning session: NBN Trust Chief Executive, Jo Judge

Time	Activity
9:30	Registration and coffee
10:00	Welcome and Introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, Professor Michael Hassell
10:05	Keynote address Sheena Harvey, BBC Wildlife Magazine, "Reaching new recruits"
10:35	Professor Helen Roy, BRC – "Challenges and opportunities for recording well-loved species"
10:55	Ro Scott, Highland Biological Recording Group – "Filling the Void - generating records from a sparsely-populated area"
11:15	Coffee/ Tea break
11:45	Harriet Carty, Caring for God's Acre - "The Beautiful Burial Ground"
12:05	Megan Shersby, A Focus on Nature – "Young people, nature and biological recording"
	Speed Talks
12:25	Wil J Heeney, National Longhorn Beetle Recording Scheme - "The National Longhorn Beetle Recording Scheme, going forward"
12:30	Krisztina Fekete, ID Trainer for the Future – "Mind The Gap! - Challenging taxa in focus"
12:35 - 12:45	Q&A
12:45	Lunch, posters, displays and demonstrations

Afternoon session: Putting the data flow pathway into practice

Chairman of afternoon session: Helen Wilkinson

Time	Activity
14:00	Discussion workshops - Introduction to workshops 1. Quality control & verification 2. Captivating & engaging people 3. Improving biological data flows 4. Increasing use of our data 5. Biological recording online
14:15 - 15:15	Workshops
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee / Tea break
15:45 - 16:30	Feedback from workshops
16:30 - 17:00	Panel discussion
17:00 - 17:05	Chairman's summing up of day 1
	End of conference day 1
18:00	UK Awards for Biological Recording & Information Sharing

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Morning session: Quality Assuring

Chairman of morning session: Nick Fraser, National Museums Scotland

Time	Activity
9:00	Registration and coffee
9:25	Welcome and Introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, Professor Michael Hassell
9:30	Keynote address Professor Andy Purvis, Natural History Museum – “Global biodiversity indicators from heterogeneous re-purposed data: the PREDICTS project”
10:00	Craig Macadam, Buglife / Riverfly Recording Schemes - “Verification: the key to quality”
10:20	Deborah Muscat, Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre – “Carrying on their work”
	Speed talks
10:40	Joseph Beale, ID Trainer for the Future – “Why does identifying species correctly matter?”
10:45	Andrew Whitehouse, Buglife – “Putting bugs on the map”
10:50	Coffee / Tea break
11:20	Ashleigh Whiffin, National Museums Scotland – “Establishing a new beetle recording scheme: Silphidae UK”
11:30	Martin Harvey, BRC – “Sitting in judgment? Verification from a local and national perspective”
11:40	Esther Hughes, Marine Biological Association - “Squaring the data-flow circle: One vision from disparate data”
11:50	Andrew Wood, NBN Treasurer – “Building the base”
12:00	Rachel Stroud, NBN Secretariat – “A time to reflect”
12:20	Q&A
12:30	Lunch

Afternoon session: Using Data – The technical side of the pathway

Chairman of afternoon session: NBN Trust Chairman, Professor Michael Hassell

Time	Activity
13:45	Award of NBN Honorary Membership
13:50	The Sir John Burnett Memorial Lecture, 2016 – Professor Charles Godfray CBE FRS “Systematics, biodiversity and ecology in the internet era”
14:20	Steve Wilkinson, Joint Nature Conservation Committee – “History of the NBN Gateway”
14:40	Jo Judge, NBN CEO – “NBN from the Gateway to the NBN Atlas”
15:00	Coffee / Tea break
15:30	Student speed talk Simon Gibson-Poole, Scotland’s Rural College – “Using a drone to identify a giant herb”
15:35	Student speed talk Zac Baynham-Herd, University of Edinburgh – “Biodiversity on the blockchain?”
15:40	Dr Jon Chamberlain, University of Essex - “Using social media to study wildlife”
16:00	Gill Dowse, Scottish Wildlife Trust - “Navigating the NBN Atlas Scotland”
16:20	Q&A
16:30	Chairman’s summing up
16:35	End of conference